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SUBJ: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY EXHIBIT BROCHURE

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1. PAO RAISED PROBLEM LIMITATION BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION WITH DEPSECINFO CUDINA NOVEMBER 5, SINCE HIS OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FORWARDING CLEARANCE REQUESTS TO SECINT. ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH FSFA ZUPAN WHO NOT AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 5.

2. IN REPRESENTATION STATED EMBASSY/STATE/USIA PERPLEXED BY LIMITATION, VIEW FACT BROCHURE TEXT ADDED IMPORTANT RELEVANT INFORMATION TO EXHIBIT CONTENT, HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THOUSANDS OF COPIES IN COUNTRIES WHERE EXHIBIT SHOWN, AND MAJOR ARTICLE, "EDUCATION ENTERS MACHINE AGE", HAD BEEN BASIS OF BROCHURE DISTRIBUTED 1971 AT ZAGREB FAIR IN 100,000 COPIES. ADDED THAT RESTRICTUIONS ON DISSEMINATION INFORMATION ALWAYS CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

3. LETTER EXPRESSING CONCERN AT LIMITATION AND REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION OF DISTRIBUTION SARAJEVO AND LJUBLJANA AT LEAST IN NUMBER ORIGINALLY REQUESTED PRESENTED TO CUDINA, WHO RESPONDED CLEARANCE NOT REPONSIBILITY SECINFO, BUT WOULD FORWARD APPEAL TO SECINT FOR CONSIDERATION. SAID, WHILE COULD NOT PREDICT OUTCOME, RESTRICTION DIRECTED AT "FOLLOW OF PROPAGANDA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED IN YUGOSLAVIA IN RECENT TIMES." ADDED

THAT RULING DID NOT APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO US, BUT RATHER TO ALL COUNTRIES. SAID IF PROBLEM HAD EXISTED RE BROCHURE CONTENT AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRIBUTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GRANTED AT ALL. PROBLEM WAS SIZE OF DISTRIBUTION REQUESTED.

4. CUDINA CLOSED WITH STATEMENT THAT, IN HIS OPINION, RESTRICTION PROVIDED" NO REASON TO DRAMATIZE SITUATION OR TO DRAW FALSE

CONCLUSIONS." PAO REITERATED OPINION THAT RESTRICTIONS ON DISSEMINATION INFORMATION ALWAYS UNFORTUNATE. SAID PLANNED TO RAISE WITH FSFA AS WELL, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT APPROVAL FOR LARGER DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING PRIOR TO OPENING IN SARAJEVO.

5. UNDER PRESSURE TO JUSTIFY ACTION, CUDINA STATED AS END OF SESSION THAT NEW LIMITATION ON DISTRIBUTION OF "PROPAGANDA MATERIALS" WAS "FOR INTERNAL REASONS WHICH HE NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS."
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